

1 very important subject I would like to speak as one who
2 sat for four years in this bicameral legislature, and I
3 would like to point out that a great many of the problems
4 which I observed in our legislature in action were irrevoc-
5 ably and inseparably tied in to the bicameral system.

6 I recall one occasion where a local bill in
7 Harford County was passed in the House of Delegates and
8 was lost on its way to the Senate. I see our Senator is
9 here as a delegate this evening. He may recall the occa-
10 sion. It was lost on its way to the Senate and never
11 found until after the session was over, much to our em-
12 barrassment. This kind of thing happens more often than the
13 public ever realizes. Those of us who are lawyers may
14 recall many occasions when he remembers specifically a certain
15 bill passed the House of Delegates or the Senate; so you
16 assume it became law and it is not until you get ready to
17 rely upon it when dealing with clients, you realize it
18 was killed on the other side. This failure of communica-
19 tion is basic in the system. There is practically no way
20 to overcome it. You have to have a chart with computer
21 buttons and all kinds of electronic gadgets to keep up